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(54) Title: NK CELL RECEPTOR CONJUGATES FOR TREATING MALIGNANCIES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates generally to compositions useful in therapies involving the selective destruction of tumor cells in vivo. In particular, this invention relates to a conjugate which comprises a target recognition segment and an active cytotoxic segment. The target recognition segment comprises a receptor specific to NK cells, wherein the receptor binds to a cellular ligand expressed on the surface of a tumor cell, and the active segment comprises an agent capable of exerting a cytotoxic effect on the tumor cell. The target recognition segment derived from the natural killer receptor NKp30 has been found to be particularly effective in vivo.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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| A.T | MANDELBOIM, O. et al. Molecules in focus, NKp46. The International Journal of Biochemistry and Cell Biology. 2001, Vol. 33, pages 1147-1150. | 1-17, 19-26, 28, 29, 30, 32-33, 36, 37, 43, 44 |

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